GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:201
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
ADDICTION OF ALCOHOLISM
Athawale Shri Ramdas

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of people in the country, especially in the tribal, hilly and rural areas are addicted to alcoholism and as per a survey this number is increasing constantly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has prepared or proposes to prepare by action plan to check this evil in the society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred in parts (a) to (d) Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 201 for 29.11.2007 regarding Addiction of Alcoholism raised by Shri Ramdas Athawale

(a) & (b) There is no authentic data to conclusively indicate that alcoholism in the country especially in tribal, hilly and rural areas is increasing. Also in this regard no survey has been conducted.

(c) & (d) The Government of India in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is running a Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse by providing financial assistance to voluntary organisations across the country for setting up and maintenance of Counselling Centres and Treatment-cum-Rehabilitation Centres, and for organizing De-addiction Camps and awareness programmes, workplace prevention programme and also training of service providers for rendering quality service.